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St. John Lutheran Church
8020 South Park Road
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Rev. Matthew Lorfeld, Pastor

Council Meeting. Thursday, January 12, 2023

Call to Order by Chairman Craig Timm at 6:34 p.m. with 20 members present.

Call for Additional Agenda Items: Jeff Zimmerman—Parsonage Rental Letter.

Opening Devotion led by Pastor Lorfeld based on Philipines 1:1—an Epistle that is filled with JOY!

Welcome to Pastor Lorfeld and his family. Welcome to all who are present for the Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda: Treasurer Jerry Schimke reviewed items for the proposed 2023 Budget and compared to the 2022 Budget. Surplus funds at this time, but facing additional expenses not needed in 2022.

Mr. Schimke noted that after the publication in the Newsletter and sharing with the Council members, he received no inquires on the Proposed 2023 Budget. Motion made by Kaitlyn Federwartz, seconded by Darleene Swen. Motion Carried.

Membership Changes: None at this time.

Old Business: Annual Meeting Sunday, January 15, 2023 following the 8:45 a.m. worship service.

Thank You to Treasurer, Jerry Schimke for all the additional help to the Lorfeld's during the purchase of their home.

New Business: **Parsonage Rental Letter** was presented by Elder Jeff Zimmerman. The current rent for the parsonage property is \$625.00 per month, which has remained the same for over 10 years.

The suggested increase is \$100.00 to \$725.00 beginning April 1, 2023 . The monthly contract is due for review on January 1, 2024. A letter will be presented to the renters, signed by the head Trustee, the head Elder and the Chairman of the Council.

Additional Trustee Report: **Carport Canopy:** Trustee, Jerry Swen stated that Jeff Helmuth will replace the roof in the Spring. Mr. Helmuth worked with Church Mutual for a wind damage claim of \$3,800.00. The cost of replacing the Canopy Roof is approximately \$11,000.00.

Parsonage water pump was replaced.

The Elevator packing repair item is complete.

Lenten Meals: Kaitlyn Federwartz asked if there is interest in providing a light meal before the Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. Contact Kaitlyn for additional information and schedule.

Pastor Lorfeld: *Insurance*, Heidi Lorfeld RN, is now working at Aspirus Hospital in Stevens Point and beginning March 1, 2023 is eligible for Health, Dental and Vision insurance benefits for their family. Pastor stated that the family would register under her policy for approximately \$700.00 per month compared to approximately \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 via the Concordia Insurance plan.

Income delegation: Motion made by Jeff Gellerman, seconded by Chuck Bossingham to allow Pastor Lorfeld to delegate a portion of his income as housing allowance as authorized by the IRS. Motion carried.

A Healthy Organization: Pastor shared information on “Creating A Healthy Organizational Culture. As he stated, Organizational health is the greatest competitive advantage a company can have. Attached is an outline of items for review and discussion.

Other items for consideration:

Camp Luther originally scheduled for January 25 was canceled (due to icy road conditions) will be re-scheduled for a later date.

VBS theme will be “Under Construction”

An Outdoor Free Exchange Library, with Christian books for all ages, is being planned by the Board of Education and the Weekday School and VBS.

International Convention is planned for July in Milwaukee. Pastor Lorfeld, as a pastoral delegate and Craig Timm, as a lay delegate are suggested. Motion made by Jerry Bubolz, seconded by Doug Ross. Motion carried.

NWD-LCMS for additional locations of upcoming conferences.

Adjournment: Motion made by Jeff Zimmerman, seconded by Bill Coley to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Shared by those in attendance

Benediction: Pastor Lorfeld.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Shepard

Congregational Secretary

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Supper, Sunday, February 5. Serving begins at 4 p.m. The candle-light dinner includes a Garden Salad, Spaghetti and homemade sauce, Garlic (or plain) Bread, and a Dessert Cart filled with homemade pies, cakes and other desserts!

Spring Tea, Sunday, March 12. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Open to girls and ladies of all ages from St. John and their guests. “Shine bright like a Diamond”. – A Construction Family Story.

Women in Construction Week is March 5-11, 2023!

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Services: Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 6:60 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2023

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

Good Friday, April 7 2023

Easter Saturday, April 8, 2023

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

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